City of Harrisonburg CARES Act Nonprofit Assistance Grants

Frequently Asked Questions

October 22, 2020

- 1. Can I include property insurance as an expense?
 - No, property insurance should not be included as an expense.
- 2. What costs can I include in the salary expenses?
 - Salaries can include the actual salary and FICA.
- 3. Is my organization eligible to apply if it received a Paycheck Protection Program loan?
 - Your organization is eligible to apply even if it received a PPP loan.
- 4. Can this funding be used to cover expenses also covered by a Paycheck Protection Program loan?
 - Any expenses you covered using PPP or any other COVID-19 related grant cannot receive funding through this grant. No "double dipping."
- 5. If we receive funding, can we place it into an escrow account and use it for expenses after December 30. 2020?
 - No, the funding can only be used to cover expenses incurred between March 1 and December 30, 2020.
- 6. Our organization is not located within the City limits, but we serve Harrisonburg residents. Are we eligible?
 - Yes, any organization that can demonstrate it serves Harrisonburg residents is eligible to apply.
- 7. Can we request funding for expenses related to equipment or facility modifications needed to make our building safer for people due to COVID-19?
 - Yes, these are eligible expenses.
- 8. Our organization does not keep track of the residency of the people who use our services. How do we answer the question about number of Harrisonburg residents served?
 - Please provide the best estimate possible.
- 9. Will our organization need to submit records to the City?
 - No. However, any organization receiving CARES Act funding will be required to retain supporting
 documentation such as payroll and invoicing records for 5 years from the date of receipt of the
 grant. The City and its auditors will have the right to request such records.
- 10. Does the December 30 deadline apply to sub-grantees? For instance, if our organization gives the money to another entity will this entity also have to spend it before December 30?
 - Yes, the deadline applies to sub-grantees.

- 11. Can we expend the funds on expenses that are not COVID-19 related? For example, our organization has a significant capital improvement need we need funding to cover.
 - CARES Act funding can only cover expenses that are COVID-19 related. If the capital improvement is not COVID-19 related then it is not an eligible expense.
- 12. Can we use the funds to cover revenue loss?
 - No, CARES Act funding can only be used for expenses. It cannot be used to replace revenue your organization lost.